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TENS OF THOUSANDS JEWS FROM WESTERN EUROPE IN POLISH LABOR CAMPS; MANY WOMEN

GENEVA, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- Tens of thousands of Jewish deportees from France, Belgium, Holland, Bulgaria and the Government-General section of Poland are confined in labor camps in Upper Silesia, in Poland, where they are being used for road building, mining and other difficult manual labor, according to a reliable report reaching here today.

Among the deportees are several thousand women, who are also compelled to work, the report says. It declares that conditions at most of the camps are so appalling that many of the internees have committed suicide. In a camp at Koenigshutte, the report discloses, there are 3,000 French Jews, including children of 14 and 15 years of age, who are forced to work in neighboring potassium mines and to dwell in underground quarters. They are permitted to come up to the surface for only two hours every two weeks, on alternate Sundays.

At Camp Breig near Breslau, the report continues, 600 Parisian Jews are employed as road-builders. They work from 4:30 A.M. until 7 P.M. with only one hour for rest and eating. About 9,000 Jewish deportees from Czechoslovakia, Holland and France are working in the Myskiwuez-Chrazanow-Trzebinia region, while 5,000 from the Government-General are in a camp at Myslowitz. A few thousand Jews in the Katowice-Birkenau-Wadowice district are used for constructing bridges and building houses and roads.

Two thousand Jewish women from Paris are at Oberlangen-Bielau and another 300 are at a camp near Neisse, the report reveals. Conditions at the latter camp, it adds, are particularly bad, and many of the women prisoners are reported to have taken their lives.

RABBIS SEE HULL ON JEWS IN EUROPE; CELLER ASKS RESTORATION OF CREMIEUX LAW

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- The situation of the Jews in Europe was discussed today at a conference between Secretary of State Cordell Hull and a delegation from the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

The delegation, which was led by Rabbi Leo Jung of New York City, appealed to the Secretary to take measures to effect the rescue of a large number of rabbinical students who were stranded in Shanghai when the Japanese occupied that city.

At the same time, Rep. Emanuel Celler, Democrat of New York, issued an appeal addressed to Generals DeGaulle and Giraud, asking the restoration of the Cremieux Law. Rep. Celler said that annulment of the law "does not serve the purpose of the removal of racial discrimination." Pointing to the fact that recent actions of the French Committee of National Liberation have indicated that it desired to purge North Africa of all Vichy influences, he asked why the order abrogating the Cremieux Decree still stands although it is "quite inconsistent with the aims and aspirations of the French Committee of National Liberation."

DEFENSE IN "ARMS TRIAL" CHARGES PROSECUTION HAS NOT PROVED CASE, ASKS ACQUITTAL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- Charging that the prosecution has not proven its case against Abraham Rachlin, one of the two Jews on trial here on charges of purchasing arms and ammunition from two British soldiers, Rachlin's lawyer, Asher Levitzky, yesterday asked the military tribunal which is hearing the case to render a verdict of not guilty.

The attorney based his plea for acquittal on the fact that the prosecution has failed to prove that the arms in question were ever in the possession of Rachlin, that it has failed to prove the existence of an organized conspiracy to smuggle guns to Jewish groups and, lastly, that many of the prosecution's witnesses contradicted each other's testimony. He pointed to the fact that Rachlin had no police record and had never been in legal difficulties before.

Dr. Philip Joseph, attorney for Leib Sirkin, the other defendant, is expected to conclude his summation today. Tomorrow the prosecutor will sum up. It has not been indicated how soon after adjournment the court will issue its decision.

ACCUSED RINGLEADER OF ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN CANADA HELD FOR TRIAL

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- Sentencing of Rene Bolduc, alleged ring leader of the anti-Semitic riots in the Canadian resort town of Plage Leval on July 25, in which several Jews were injured, some seriously, has been delayed as a result of Bolduc's changing his plea from guilty to not guilty.

When arraigned last week, Bolduc pleaded guilty to the charges against him and the sentencing was set for yesterday. However, when he was brought to court yesterday, he announced that he had decided to plead not guilty and the judge set next week for hearing the case. Young Bolduc evaded the police for several weeks before surrendering.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS VOTE TO COLLABORATE WITH AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- The South African Board of Deputies voted today to collaborate actively with the American Jewish Conference, which recently concluded its first session in New York, and with other appropriate bodies overseas, in order to assist the Jews in Europe and Palestine now and after the war.

At the same time, the Board established a special "committee on the tragedy of European Jewry" on which the Zionist Federation and several Polish Jewish groups are represented. The committee is expected to launch a campaign throughout the Union to acquaint the general population with the situation of the Jews in Europe.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE FOR MIKHOELS AND FEFFER FORMED IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- Prominent writers, artists, musicians, leaders of the British Red Cross and other notables have formed a reception committee here to welcome Prof. Solomon Mikhoels and Lieut.-Col. Itzik Feffer, the Soviet Jewish delegation, which is expected in England this week after a three-month tour of the Jewish communities of the United States.

A luncheon in their honor will be held on October 18, with novelist H. G. Wells presiding, the committee announced.

JEVISH PROBLEM WILL AFFECT POST-WAR SETTLEMENT UNLESS SOLVED, SAYS WEIZMANN

LONDON, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- If the Jewish problem is not solved after the war, it will remain an "open sore" that will fundamentally affect the peace of the world, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, declared today addressing a memorial meeting for the late Lord Wedgwood, pro-Zionist peer. Dr. Weizmann said that the Zionist position was under attack at present from Jewish and non-Jewish quarters at a time when "grave issues hang in the balance." He paid tribute to Lord Wedgwood as one of the few persons who understood the problems of the Jewish people.

Other speakers, including Parliamentarians Geoffrey Mander, Oliver Jeech-Jones, Eleanor Rathbone and Lord Davies praised Lord Wedgwood's efforts on behalf of Palestine and stressed that the Balfour Declaration must be implemented and the White Paper abrogated if Britain's promises to the Jewish people are to be kept.

VISCOUNT SIMON EXPRESSES SYMPATHY FOR JEWISH NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS

LONDON, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- Sympathy for Jewish aspirations and sufferings was expressed here today by Viscount Simon, Lord Chancellor, addressing a meeting at which his wife, Lady Simon, was presented with a certificate attesting that her name has been inscribed in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book in Jerusalem.

"I am roused to the heights of indignation at reading the cruelties of the Nazi blackguards against the Jewish people," Viscount Simon said. "I come to you with real sympathy for the aspirations for which you stand. I also come from a small race - the Welsh - and I, too, reflect how much the Welsh people had to fight for their rights and how much can be done by a national spirit determined to protect the members of its race."

23 HOSPITAL PLANES TO BE PURCHASED WITH FUNDS FROM BONDS SOLD BY CLEVELAND TEMPLE

CLEVELAND, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- The congregation of The Temple here, which is headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, has been notified by government authorities that a fleet of 23 hospital planes bearing the name of The Temple will be purchased with the \$2,500,000 derived from the sale of war bonds by the congregation since the inception of the Third War Loan Drive this month.

The Temple has announced that it expects to sell an additional \$500,000 worth of bonds before the drive ends. Mrs. David Kyman, chairman of the synagogue's bond committee, broadcast today over station WHE as a reward for being named Cleveland's "Woman of the Week" in the war loan campaign.

\$5,000,000 RECEIVED BY KEREN HAYESOD IN PAST YEAR

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- Nearly \$5,000,000 has been received by Keren Hayesod headquarters in Palestine in the past year, it was announced here today.

At the same time, it was announced that 1,550 Jewish refugee children have arrived in Palestine this year.

WILLIAMSTOWN INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RELATIONS TAKES TO AIR BECAUSE OF WAR RESTRICTIONS

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- The Williamstown Institute of Human Relations, which is sponsored bi-ennially by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will not meet this year due to war-time travel restrictions, it was announced today. Instead the Institute will be held by means of radio discussions and dramatizations with networks and local stations participating.